

HOUSE No. 3841

By Ms. Callahan of Sutton, petition of Jennifer M. Callahan and Christine E. Canavan for legislation to establish a division of pet shop investigators within the Division of Consumer Affairs. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1 of chapter 24A of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—

4 Within the division of consumer affairs there shall be a division
5 of pet shop investigators. The director shall establish rules and
6 regulations and hire such inspectors as he deems best to investi-
7 gate and ensure the health and safety of all animals sold to
8 consumers in the commonwealth. Such rule and regulation shall
9 apply to pet shops, kennels, and breeders who are sellers of
10 domestic pets.

11 The director shall also promulgate rules and regulations to track
12 the sale of domestic animals by pets shops, kennels, and breeders.
13 Such criteria to track said sales shall include, but not be limited
14 to, the following: sales price, type of breed, and age of each
15 domestic animal. Said division shall compile and release a
16 written report on said data and shall be forwarded to the depart-
17 ment of revenue and made public.

18 The director shall also promulgate rules and regulations by
19 which pet shops, kennels and breeders of domestic animal would
20 require a license or permit to engage in the sale of domestic
21 animal.

22 This section shall not apply to any non profit organization that
23 provides care and protection for abused, neglected or abandoned
24 domestic animals and the licensing and permitting procedures
25 shall not apply to any persons who breeds 1 litter per year of a
26 domestic animal.